

Minority Ethnic Matters Overview

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The UK Parliament is in recess until 11 October 2010.

Immigration and Asylum

Holyrood Parliamentary Questions

Immigration

George Foulkes (Lothians) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Executive what discussions it has had with the UK Government regarding different immigration criteria for Scotland and what response it has received. (S3W-36440)

Reply from Fiona Hyslop: The Scottish Government has responded to the UK Government's consultation on how the mechanism for its proposed cap on immigration should operate. Our opposition to an annual limit on immigration is based on the potentially serious economic consequences for Scotland.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-36440>

George Foulkes (Lothians) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Executive what research it has commissioned to explore the factors affecting the decisions of both immigrants and emigrants and what the outcome has been. (S3W-36452)

Immigration and Asylum Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Reply from Fiona Hyslop: The Council of Economic Advisers recommended that the Scottish Government undertake more research to better understand migration and to explore the factors affecting the decisions of both immigrants and emigrants. The Scottish Government accepted this recommendation, and we have undertaken an in-house review of research and statistical evidence to update our understanding of migration and emigration.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-36452>

Asylum Seekers

Johann Lamont (Glasgow Pollok) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Executive whether it has sought information on how many children of asylum seekers were detained at Dungavel Immigration Removal Centre between January and August 2010 and, if so, what response it received. (S3W-36230)

Reply from Michael Russell: Unfortunately, the UK Border Agency does not provide statistical information on a month-by-month basis. However, it has published reports for the first two quarters of 2010 which are available on the UKBA website at:

<http://rds.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-publications.html>.

According to these reports a total of 25 children entered Dungavel detention centre before the end to the overnight detention of children in May 2010. However, they do not specify if the children were those of asylum seeking families.

Quarter (Period of Report)	Number of Children Entered Dungavel
1 (January 2010 to March 2010)	20
2 (April 201 to June 2010)	5
Total	25

These figures are not subject to independent checks and therefore may not be wholly accurate. Some detainees may be recorded more than once, for example the person may have been detained on more than one separate occasion in the time period shown, such as a person who has left detention, but has subsequently been re-detained.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-36230>

Johann Lamont (Glasgow Pollok) (Lab): To ask the Scottish Executive whether it has sought information on how many children of asylum seekers initially registered in Scotland were detained in removal centres in England between January and August 2010 and, if so, what response it received. (S3W-36231)

Reply from Michael Russell: This information is not collected by the UK Border Agency.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-36231>

Christina McKelvie (Central Scotland) (SNP): To ask the Scottish Executive whether it is satisfied that dawn raids on asylum seeker families have ended. (S3W-36404)

Reply from Alex Neil: This government has made very clear its opposition to dawn raids and to the enforced removal and detention of children. The Minister for Culture and External Affairs, Fiona Hyslop, wrote to Damian Green, the UK Government's Minister for Immigration, on 9 September 2010 asking for urgent clarification of the UK Government position and urging him not to renege on the promise to end child detention. We will continue to pursue this issue with UK Government ministers until they deliver on this commitment.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-36404>

Immigration and Asylum Holyrood Parliamentary Questions (continued)

Christina McKelvie (Central Scotland) (SNP): To ask the Scottish Executive whether it will enhance the assistance that it gives to asylum seekers and, if so, how. (S3W-36405)

Reply from Alex Neil: Asylum support (accommodation and cash support) for asylum seekers is a matter for the UK Border Agency. However, through the Race, Religion and Refugee Integration Funding Stream the Scottish Government has provided £5.6 million for the period 2008-11 to improve the lives of minority ethnic and faith communities in Scotland including refugees and asylum seekers, migrant workers and gypsies/travellers.

No decisions have been made regarding funding post 2011 which will be subject to the spending review.

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/Apps2/Business/PQA/default.aspx?pg=S3W-36405>

Westminster Parliamentary Questions

People Trafficking

Lord Hylton: To ask Her Majesty's Government what steps they are taking to raise awareness of human trafficking into and within the United Kingdom, to increase reporting and to gain evidence usable in prosecutions.[HL2063]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): Within law enforcement agencies, awareness of human trafficking is being raised through mainstream police training courses and by the introduction of mandatory e-learning for all UK Border Agency staff below grade seven level.

In addition, it has been decided that 18 October will be the UK Anti-Slavery Day which will provide a focus for non-government organisations to undertake awareness-raising campaigns and encourage people to become actively involved in the campaign against this crime.

The Government keep legislation under constant review to ensure that it is fit for purpose. The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) will be holding a consultation with victims of trafficking to discuss experiences of the criminal justice system and to identify possible measures to improve levels of engagement with the criminal justice system. This will lead to the publication of a public policy statement to explain how cases of human trafficking are prosecuted and encourage victims to support criminal proceedings.

Baroness Thornton: To ask Her Majesty's Government why they refused to sign the new draft European Union directive on human trafficking.[HL2073]

Reply from Baroness Neville-Jones: The Government decided not to opt in to the directive at the outset, but to review the position once the directive has been agreed. We still have the option of applying to opt in later.

While the directive will help to improve anti-trafficking efforts across the EU, it will make little practical difference to the way the UK fights trafficking. The UK is already bound by the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings, which contains similar provisions on non-prosecution of victims.

The UK has a strong record in the fight against trafficking and already complies in both legislation and practice with most of what is required by the draft directive.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldtoday/writtens/27092010.htm#hdg-PeopleTrafficking>

Immigration and Asylum (continued) **Press Releases**

Government defends interim limit on economic migrants

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/government-defends-interim-limit>

New English language requirement for partners

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/26-english-language-partners>

New publication

No Return No Release No Reason: Challenging Indefinite Detention

<http://www.ldsg.org.uk/files/uploads/NoReasonReport0910.pdf>

News

MP: Asylum children better off in Dungavel

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/MP-Asylum-children-better-off.6561836.jp>

Human rights lawyers condemn English tests for spouses coming to UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/sep/27/lawyers-condemn-migrants-english-tests>

People coming to Britain should learn English

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/sep/30/coming-to-britain-learn-english>

UK Border Agency turns down requests for non-EU social workers

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2010/sep/26/uk-border-agency-social-workers>

Immigration cap damaging the UK, warns services group

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/businesslatestnews/8038792/Immigration-cap-damaging-the-UK-warns-services-group.html>

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Race Relations

News

British schools where girls must wear the Islamic veil

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/8038820/British-schools-where-girls-must-wear-the-Islamic-veil.html>

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Equality

Press Release

Commission statement on the implementation of the Equality Act 2010

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/news/2010/october/commission-releases-starter-kit-to-the-new-equality-act/>

New publications

Equality Act Starter Kit

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/equality-act-starter-kit/>

Political participation & representation of ethnic minorities: From wishful thinking to reality?

http://cms.horus.be/files/99935/MediaArchive/publications/ENARqy_08_2010_EN_LR.pdf

Promoting equality: activities on fighting discrimination in 2009

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=5804&langId=en>

Saving Beyond the High Street: a profile of saving patterns among black and minority ethnic people

<http://www.runnymedetrust.org/uploads/publications/pdfs/SavingBeyondTheHighStreet-2010.pdf>

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Racism and Religious Hatred

Press Release

ACPOS launches manual on 'divisive' hate crime

<http://www.acpos.police.uk/Documents/News%20Releases/HateCrimelaunchSep2010.pdf>

New publication

ACPOS Hate Crime Guidance Manual 2010

http://www.acpos.police.uk/Documents/Policies/ED_ACPOS_HateCrimeManual_Sept2010.pdf

News

Police pledge swifter response to racism and homophobia than 'ordinary' crime

<http://thescotsman.scotsman.com/news/Police-pledge-swifter-response-to.6555850.jp>

Alarm at big brother 'hate crime' database in Scotland

<http://www.christian.org.uk/news/alarm-at-big-brother-hate-crime-database-in-scotland/>

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Other Holyrood

Press Releases

Protection against forced marriage

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/09/30105205>

Lord Advocate to step down

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2010/10/01111609>

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Other Westminster

Parliamentary Question

Forced Marriages

Lord Lester of Herne Hill: To ask Her Majesty's Government what is their assessment of the effect of the increase in the minimum age at which the spouse of a British citizen may be sponsored for entry into the United Kingdom on the length of time those in forced marriages remain against their will in foreign countries.[HL1961]

Reply from the Minister of State, Home Office (Baroness Neville-Jones): The minimum age at which someone can sponsor a spouse to come to the UK or be sponsored as a spouse was raised from 18 to 21 via a change to the Immigration Rules on 27 November 2008.

There is no full or reliable data available on the numbers of British citizens kept overseas against their will following a forced marriage.

Therefore we cannot assess whether the increase in the marriage visa age has had any impact on the length of time British citizens are kept overseas against their will following a forced marriage.

A strategic decision was taken to raise the marriage visa age to 21 to provide an opportunity for individuals to develop maturity and life skills which may allow them to resist the pressure of being forced into a marriage and provides an opportunity to complete education. It aims to delay sponsorship and allow the victim an opportunity to seek help and advice.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/ldtoday/writtens/27092010.htm#hdg-ForcedMarriages>

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New Publications

Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme: Progress Update

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/918/0105215.pdf>

OSCR monitoring of cross border charities: An initial evaluation

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/DocumentViewer.aspx?id=bd150ce8-776a-4c5c-aff1-10c5bf73e7f>

A voluntary and community sector guide to using international human rights

<http://www.bihhr.org.uk/sites/default/files/International%20human%20rights%20guide%20FINAL.pdf>

New Publications (continued)

Harmonising Reporting Working Group: Report to the Scotland Funders' Forum

http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/documents/00000038_full.pdf

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Other News

£400 fee is forcing charities to give up status

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/home-news/400-fee-is-forcing-charities-to-give-up-status-1.1057923>

'There is no place for this in 21st century Scotland'

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/news/crime-courts/there-is-no-place-for-this-in-21st-century-scotland-1.1058618>

Outlawing of forced marriages is overdue

<http://www.heraldsotland.com/comment/herald-view/outlawing-of-forced-marriages-is-overdue-1.1058523>

International Conference of National Human Rights Institutions

<http://scottishhumanrights.com/news/latestnews/article/watchlive>

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Bills in Progress ** New or updated this week

Holyrood

Commissioner for Victims and Witnesses Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/46-ComVic/index.htm>

** End of Life Assistance Bill

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/38-EndLifeAssist/index.htm>

Stage 1 oral evidence sessions

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/endLifeAsstBill/or-10/ela10-0502.htm#Col77>

and

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/endLifeAsstBill/or-10/ela10-0702.htm#Col181>

Papers for next Committee meeting (28 September 2010)

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/endLifeAsstBill/papers-10/elap10-08.pdf>

Bills in Progress

Holyrood (continued)

**** Forced Marriage etc. (Protection and Jurisdiction) Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/index.htm>

Bill as introduced

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/b53s3-introd.pdf>

Explanatory Notes

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/b53s3-introd-en.pdf>

Policy Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/b53s3-introd-pm.pdf>

Delegated Powers Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/53-forcedMarriage/b53s3-introd-dpm.pdf>

**** Palliative Care Bill**

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/50-PalliativeCare/index.htm>

Delegated Powers Memorandum

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/50-PalliativeCare/b50s3-introd-dpm.pdf>

Bills in Progress

Westminster

Face Coverings (Regulation) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/facecoveringsregulation.html>

Fixed Term Parliaments Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/fixedtermparliaments.html>

House of Lords Reform Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/houseoflordsreformhl.html>

Human Trafficking (Border Control) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/humantraffickingbordercontrol.html>

Identity Documents Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/identitydocuments.html>

Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/parliamentaryvotingsystemandconstituencies.html>

Return of Asylum Seekers (Applications from Certain Countries) Bill

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/returnofasylumseekersapplicationsfromcertaincountries.html>

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Consultations (closing date)

** new or updated this week

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Data protection legislative framework (6 October 2010)
<http://www.justice.gov.uk/dpa-call-evidence-02-07-2010.pdf>

Administration of Future Elections in Scotland (15 October 2010)
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/323358/0104134.pdf>

General Medical Council (GMC) Equality Scheme 2011 – 2014 (15 October 2010)
https://gmc.e-consultation.net/econsult/consultation_Dtl.aspx?consult_Id=140&status=2&criteria=

Consultation on the change to policy direction for the Big Lottery Fund
(29 October 2010)
<http://www.culture.gov.uk/consultations/7313.aspx>

Equality Act 2010: The public sector Equality Duty: Promoting equality through transparency (10 November 2010)
http://www.equalities.gov.uk/pdf/402461_GEO_EqualityAct2010ThePublicSectorEqualityDuty_acc.pdf

**** The Forced Marriage (Protection and Jurisdiction) (Scotland) Bill**
(25 November 2010)
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/equal/inquiries/Call.htm>

Equality Duty: Detailed Proposals - Consultation on Public Sector Equality Duty Draft Regulations and Order (26 November 2010)
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/324431/0104438.pdf>

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Job Opportunities

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Funding Opportunities

Voluntary Action Fund: Community Chest

Closing date for applications: 7 January 2011

Small grant programme providing grants of up to £1,000 and free training to help small community groups in Scotland sustain and develop their activities. VAF is particularly keen to fund activities that will help build and develop strong organisations, for example: training for committee members and volunteers, visits to other organisations or conferences; professional support or consultancy. For information see http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,40/grants/communt_y_chest/

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Black History Month

29 September -31 October 2010

For the programme of events see <http://www.gara.org.uk/attachments/BHM2010web.pdf>

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Scottish Mental Health Arts & Film Festival

1-24 October 2010

<http://www.mhfestival.com/>

**** this week!**

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust

4 October 2010 in Edinburgh (1.30-4.30)

Introduction to Holocaust Memorial Day for those planning an event, including a chance to hear directly from an eye witness to genocide, and the opportunity to network with other event organisers. For information see <http://www.hmd.org.uk/about/hmd-workshops/hmd-2011-workshops> or contact 0845 838 1883 / enquiries@hmd.org.uk

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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

5 October 2010 in Edinburgh (9.30 – 2.30)

Annual conference providing an overview of OSCR's work during the past year and priorities for the future. For information see

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/EventItem.aspx?ID=fd67b6a2-18b0-4fd0-98a1-c046ecff5732>

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Launch of Human Rights Education film series

6 October 2010 in Glasgow (5.30)

BEMIS and GRAMNet (Glasgow Refugee, Asylum & Migration Network) will be hosting a series of films and discussions about Human Rights and Social Justice including human trafficking, women's struggles, child poverty, migration challenges, cultural conflicts and diversity, child soldiers, refugee communities, and Holocaust survivors' stories. The opening session features two documentaries, including the premier of *Visible Human Beings*. For information contact mail@bemis.org.uk

**** this week!**

Action for Refugee and Migrant Rights

9 October 2010 in Glasgow (10.00 – 2.00)

Conference jointly organised by the National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns, Church Action on Poverty, and the STUC. The full programme will shortly be available at

<http://www.ncadc.org.uk/october9/>

Gender and Gender Identity

12 October 2010 in Edinburgh (9.00 – 4.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd emma@lgbthealth.org.uk / 0131 652 3281

Events/Conferences/Training (continued)

The needs and experiences of refugee women

22 October 2010 in Glasgow

Guest speaker: Kirsty Thomson, Solicitor, Women and Children's Department at Legal Services Agency. Scottish Refugee Council course for people working with asylum seekers and refugees who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting women seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=77>

Localism and the Third Sector

25 October 2010 in Edinburgh

SCVO conference on the future for localism with speakers from all the Holyrood parties, Local Government, and leading third sector organisations. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / helen.swatton@scvo.org.uk or see <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/SCVOEvents/ViewSCVOEvents.aspx?al=t&EID=1276&from=EventHome>

How do services acknowledge LGBT identities in BME communities?

25 October 2010 in Glasgow (9.30-1.30)

EveryoneIN discussion on improving access to services for people from black and minority ethnic (BME) backgrounds who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. EveryoneIN is a partnership project between BEMIS and the Equality Network. For information contact Sam Rankin sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355.

Scottish Refugee Council annual conference

29 October 2010 in Glasgow

The conference will focus primarily on the new Coalition Government's stated agenda for asylum seekers and refugees - including: speeding up the asylum process; ending child detention and treatment of LGBT people seeking asylum. For information contact Graeme Corbett events@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Make a Difference Day

30 October 2010

Make a difference to your community by participating in a volunteer activity on CSV "Make a Difference Day". For information see <http://www.csv.org.uk/campaigns/csv-make-difference-day> or contact 0800 284 533/ difference@csv.org.uk

An Introduction to Working with Asylum Seekers & Refugees

2 November 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for people whose work involves asylum seekers and refugees and who need a comprehensive understanding of the core issues affecting those seeking sanctuary in Scotland. For information contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799 or see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=89>

Judge a book by its cover? Not me!

3 November 2010 in Inverness (9.30 – 12.30)

SCVO training course to find out more about the processes of stereotyping, and how misinformed judgements can lead to prejudice and discrimination. For more information contact Jane Baillie jane.baillie@scvo.org.uk / 0131 474 8019.

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LGBT Asylum Seekers and Refugees

5 November 2010 in Glasgow (9.00 – 2.00)

EveryoneIN training on making services more inclusive for minority ethnic people who may identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender. For information contact Sam Rankin sam@equality-network.org / 0774 704 0355 or Emma Boyd emma@lgbthealth.org.uk / 0131 652 3281

Working with Interpreters

25 November 2010 in Glasgow

Scottish Refugee Council course for those who work with non-English speaking service users, including asylum seekers and refugees, who need a comprehensive understanding of how to work with interpreters. For information see <http://www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk/training/forms/Notes?formID=94> or contact Jamie Spurway jamie.spurway@scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk / 0141 248 9799

Scottish Interfaith Week

28 November – 5 December 2010

The theme for Scottish Interfaith Week 2010 is *Faith in Action*. Details of events will be posted at <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/22.html> as they become available.

Youth Interfaith Connect Conference

2 December 2010 (10.00 – 3.00)

ACPOS conference for young people to discuss issues such as the impact of faith in Scotland today, the impact of religious and sectarian hate crime on our communities, the role of the media in representing faith communities, religious education in schools, identity faith and belief, and faith and social action. For information contact Fiach OBroin-Molloy 01786 456000 / 07769 920 462 or see <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/> and discussion forum <http://www.interfaithconnect.org/forum/>

Third Sector Research Conference

3 December 2010 in Edinburgh

SCVO conference to bring together Scottish Government, local government, third sector and academic researchers, to showcase their work and discuss a range of findings of relevance to public policy in Scotland. For information contact Helen Swatton 0141 225 8019 / helen.swatton@scvo.org

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Useful Links

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Scottish Government <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

Westminster Parliament <http://www.parliament.uk/>

Directgov (links to UK Government Departments)

http://www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/AToZOfCentralGovernment/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=10013528&chk=8b2gQw

European Parliament <http://www.europarl.eu.int/parliament/public.do?language=en>

Useful Links (continued)

One Scotland Many Cultures <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>

Scottish Refugee Council www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk

Scottish Inter Faith Council <http://www.scottishinterfaithcouncil.org/>

Equality and Human Rights Commission <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/>
Scotland Helpline 0845 604 5510

Scottish Human Rights Commission <http://scottishhumanrights.com/>

ACAS www.acas.org.uk

SCVO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/Home/Home.aspx>

Volunteer Development Scotland www.vds.org.uk

Social Economy Scotland <http://www.socialeconomyscotland.info/content/index.asp>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) <http://www.oscr.org.uk/Index.stm>

Central Registered Body for Scotland (CRBS) <http://www.crbs.org.uk/>

Disclosure Scotland <http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk/>

BBC News24 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/default.stm>

BBC Parliament online
http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/programmes/bbc_parliament/default.stm

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***BEMIS** is the Scottish national Ethnic Minorities led umbrella body, supporting, empowering, and building the capacity of minority third sector community organisations. As a strategic partner with Government, it is proactive in influencing the development of race equality policy in Scotland, and helps develop and progress multicultural Scotland, active citizenship, democracy, and Human Rights Education at the Scottish, UK, and European levels. <http://www.bemis.org.uk/index.html>*



*The **Scottish Government** is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and social justice for all those who live in Scotland. **One Scotland** is the Scottish Government campaign designed to tackle racism. It aims to raise awareness of racist attitudes, highlight its negative impact and recognise the valuable contributions that other cultures have made to our society – and make Scotland no place for racism. <http://www.scotlandagainstracism.com/>*